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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PETROPOULOS ET AL.

Examiner

Cindy Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 July 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-20, 22-29 and 31-38 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 21 and 30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 March 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This is in response to amendments filed 07/14/04.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 21 and 30 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Response to Applicant' arguments on claims 21 and 30. Applicant argues that Blinn fails to teach or suggest "providing multiple control schemas and each control schema prescribing constituent components of query form controls providing instances of that control schema, the prescribed components of each control schema comprising: specification of at least one appearance template and at least one subquery generator and mapping between the specified appearance template and the data schema and between the specified subquery generator and the data schema; and providing one or more query form schemas prescribing constituent components of corresponding query form annotations that provide instances of the query form schemas, said components comprising : identification of one or more of instances of the control schemas; identification of elements of the data schema to be presented in query results. However, these limitations were not clearly specified in the claims 21 and 30, which are broader than claim 1 and not separately argued.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20, 22-29 and 31-38 are allowed.

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The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record and that encountered while searching for the claimed invention fails to anticipate and/or suggest: a method and system for constructing a query system for use with a body of data comprising operations of compiling the query form annotation, comprising: providing multiple control schemas and each control schema prescribing constituent components of query form controls providing instances of that control schema, the prescribed components of each control schema comprising: mapping between the specified appearance template and the data schema and between the specified subquery generator and the data schema as recited in claims 1, 10, 19, 22, 26, 28, 29 and 28.

The prior art of record and that encountered while searching for the claimed invention fails to anticipate and/or suggest: a method and system for constructing a query system for use with a body of data comprising operations of compiling the query form annotation, comprising: providing one or more query form schemas prescribing constituent components of corresponding query form annotations that provide instances of the query form schemas, said components comprising: mapping between the specified appearance template and the data schema and between the specified subquery generator and the data schema as recited in claims 11, 18, 2, 31, 35, 37 and 38.

Regarding claims 2-9, 12-17, 23-25, 32, 33, 36 and 34, these claims depend from claims 1, 11, 22, 27, 31 and 35 respectively and are therefore allowable.

2. Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Rauer et al. (U.S 6161103). Method and apparatus for creating aggregates for use in a datamart.

Blinn et al. (U.S 6484150). Electronic shopping and merchandising system accessing legacy data in a database independent schema manner.

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3. Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cindy Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-305-4698. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 703-308-1436. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7240 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.


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December 28, 2004


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